

First Look

New traffic flow

The road in front of the post office and shopette has reopened with a new configuration. There is no longer street-side parking; parking is now in the area next to the fitness center, separated by a median. Through traffic should drive to the left of the median.

Part of the new traffic circle near the bank is open - traffic can go through to the base exchange, but not up the hill towards T-100. When driving through a traffic circle, drivers should keep right if going through, and continue counter-clockwise if making a "turn" or going back the way they came. For example, when driving from the shopette, drivers would keep right to go up to T-100, or circle left if going down to the base exchange or back to the post office/shopette. In general, drivers should yield to vehicles already in the circle or coming from their left. Use turn signals when appropriate. Also, when driving from the BX up the hill, there is a separate right lane to take traffic directly to the post office.

Power outage

There will be a short power outage 8-9 a.m. Tuesday and it will affect facilities T-300, theater; T-306, TLF; T-310; T-323, shopette; T-324, post office; and T-333, fitness center.

Recital

A piano recital, featuring pianist Nima Sarkechik, will be in the Palace of Captain Generals in Angra, 9:30 p.m., today. Admission is free.

Preflight

■ *Days since last DUI...* 44
 ■ *DUIs since Jan. 1* 1
 ■ *Current AEF* 3 & 4
 ■ *Current FPCON* Alpha
 ■ *Combat Nighthawk: 2nd Lt. Jason Schenck, 65th Comptroller Squadron; Master Sgt. John Gallagher, 65th Operations Support Squadron*

Taking a walk



About 80 members from the 65th Operations Support Squadron and the 729th Air Mobility Squadron conduct a weekly Foreign Object Elimination walk on the flight line every Wednesday. On average they find 2 to 5 pounds of objects including pebbles, safety wires, screws and soda cans. According to fodnews.com foreign objects cause an estimated \$4 billion dollars in damage to the global aerospace industry every year. Members of the 729th AMS help in the FOE walks by searching the airfield from the west side of F ramp to A-2 ramp, while the 65th OSS inspects the airfield from the east side of F ramp to ramps E and G. (Photo by Guido Melo)

Lajes winners recognized

Crossroads staff

Out of 65 nominees, 11 Team Lajes members were the "Best of the Best" during the 2004 Lajes Field Annual Awards Banquet Saturday at the Top of the Rock Club.

Below are the categories and winners:

Airman

Senior Airman Cheick Bah, 65th Medical Support Squadron

Noncommissioned officer

Master Sgt. Robin Brooks, 65th MDSS

Senior noncommissioned officer

Senior Master Sgt. Todd Katz, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron

First sergeant

Master Sgt. Christopher Moore, 65th CES

Company grade officer

Capt. Joel Bolina, 65th CES

Civilian category I

U.S.

Jodi Hopkins, 65th Mission Support Squadron

Portuguese

Luis Oliveria, 729th Air Mobility Squadron

Civilian category II

U.S.

John Rick Henry, 65th CES

Portuguese

Frank Homem, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Honor Guard

Airman

Staff Sgt. Anita Sommers, 65th MSS

Noncommissioned officer

Staff Sgt. Michael Farmer, 65th Communications Squadron

Play away the blues at Lajes ...

By Maj. Steve Rickert
65th Services Squadron commander

In the blue glow of the computer screen, Airman "Dull" lay on his bed staring at the dark ceiling. He was depressed and bored, thinking there was nothing to do at Lajes Field.

Meanwhile, in the exciting glow of a huge plasma screen TV at the Sun and Sand Hut, three Airmen relaxed in the soft chairs in the theater room as the DVD action played around them in surround sound.

They couldn't believe they had such a fantastic video and sound system for their exclusive use.

As Airman Dull pouted alone in his room, daydreaming about being home with his old friends, Airman 1st Class "Bright" and Senior Airman "Smart" were just about to save the world from terrorist madmen on the Sun and Sand Hut video game "Time Crisis 3."

They'd been playing free arcade games for the past half hour in head-to-head competition for who could boast top score at Lajes.

Suddenly, a cheer from the basketball hoops made several Airmen sipping a drink and eating pizza at the table look around to see who was testing their skills at shooting baskets as fast as possible - they decided to try it next. Meanwhile Staff Sgt. "Keen" was returning to the dorm from the Chace Fitness Center next door, and poked his head into the entrance to see if anyone wanted to play some table tennis. He really wanted to play, but just needed one more player.

"There's nothing to do on this Island," Airman Dull e-mailed to his old friend in Kansas, as he described life on the rock as a dreary existence, while looking out his dormitory window down the hill toward the Sun and Sand Hut. He hadn't been out of his room for more than 16 hours.

Another group of young military

Some fun facts about Sun and Sand Hut:

- Opened in June 2004 after a team of Airmen designed the layout, equipment and hours, with more than \$100K provided by the commander of USAFE for a fun area exclusively for Airmen.
- Equipped with a ping pong table, pool table, air hockey, Playstation 2s, video arcade and basketball games, a home theater system, a DVD collection, TVs, lights and sound, a snack bar and barbeque area on the back patio.
- Located in the community activity center, Bldg. T-307, with a separate entrance next to the fitness center.
- Open to active duty military members, E1-E4, and their escorted guests
- Hours of operation: Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Mon. 6-10 p.m.; Sun. noon-5 p.m.

members gathered at the Sun and Sand Hut snack window ordering a beer and some snacks. They called the Oceanview Grill for a pizza delivery and looked through dozens of DVD titles to see what they wanted to watch next on the home theater system. There were so many great movies to choose from; they figured it would be a double-feature. While they laughed together and had a great time, two paired off for a quick game of air hockey until the pizza arrived.

In the corner, several Airmen were picking out which Project CHEER event they wanted to participate in from the listing.

There were so many options, they could barely fit it all in with the time they needed to practice their Playstation 2 skills on the bank of games with individual monitors that line the front wall of the Sun and Sand Hut.

Airman "Dexter" had a small crowd gathering as they watched the realistic images on the TV screen come to life under the control of this master player - he was the most likely to win the upcoming tournament and everyone watched in awe.

From his room, Airman Dull wondered why the dorm seemed so quiet this evening.

In the past, there had been many others like him, bored and doing nothing. Now he noticed they all headed out for the Sun and Sand Hut. A couple had even asked if he wanted to go, but Airman Dull didn't take them up on it - after all, what could be better than spending hours alone in a tiny room?

Just before midnight Airman Dull heard a crowd returning to the dorm, laughing and having a great time, still buzzing about what a great thing they had at the Sun and Sand Hut - which was designed by Airmen, for Airmen, and included all the fun, high-energy things they enjoyed. And they could have it all to themselves, since no one above Staff Sgt. is allowed in without an invite and escort by an Airman.

Next time they ask, Airman Dull resolved, he was going to check out the Sun and Sand Hut and live a little ... maybe this Island had more to offer than he realized.

This fictitious story about Lajes Airmen who do and don't use the Sun and Sand Hut is just one scenario that demonstrates why USAFE, under the auspices of Project CHEER, has donated the funds for Airmen through Staff Sergeants to create their own space.

Clean it up



Members of the 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron work together in remodeling T-607 in conjunction with Pride Day Feb. 25. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Michelle Michaud)

March Combat Touch

- All events are at the base chapel unless otherwise noted.
- AWANA T&T is at 10 a.m. Saturday.
 - Protestant Teens of the Chapel 24-hour Famine begins at 6 p.m. March 11-12.
 - Men's Spiritual Leadership Training/Breakfast is at 8 a.m. March 19.
 - Catholic Youth Grand Opening is at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Lajes Youth Center
 - Catholic Men of the Chapel mass and dinner is at 6 p.m. Wednesday.
 - Catholic Lent Penance service is at 7 p.m. March 21.
 - Single and unaccompanied members' dinner is at 5:30 p.m. March 24
 - Holy Thursday mass and adoration is at 7 p.m. March 24
 - Good Friday/Passion & Veneration of the cross is at 3 p.m. March 25.
 - Easter vigil mass is at 8:30 p.m. March 26. For more information about these events, call Chaplain (Capt.) Matthew Glaros at 2-4211.



Housing project continues

By Capt. Yvonne Levardi
Chief, public affairs

Phase 3 of a \$13.7 million construction project to build 40 new housing units began last week.

The project includes demolishing 38 units in Nascero do Sol that were built in the 1960s and replacing them with 40 new homes.

According to Maj. Mike Harner, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron engineering flight commander, the contractor – Seth Ltd. – has begun putting up fencing and will start tearing down old houses shortly.

"The units in lower-T will be demolished within the next 120 days. All units will be demolished before new units are built," he said.

Included in the project are eight three-bedroom junior noncommissioned officer homes, eight two-bedroom company grade officer homes, two three-bedroom E-9 homes, five four-bedroom and 15 three-bedroom field grade officer homes, and two four-bedroom senior officer quarters.

The project will also include construction of playgrounds, roads and landscaping.

According to 1st Lt. Andrew Hoisington, 65th CES program manager, there will be some differences between these and the recently-finished CGO houses. All of the floors will be ceramic tile, the walls will be painted a semi-gloss finish and the laundry room will be on the second floor.

In addition to Phase 3, a fiscal year 2006 military construction project is planned to renovate/repair 150 units in Beira Mar housing. The \$16.2 million project will renovate 100 type D, 20 type E and 30 type F units that were built in 1989.

"Overall, the Department of Defense and the Air Force are committed to having all military family housing units meet new standards," Major Harner said. "This means larger living areas, improved functional spaces – bathrooms, closets and storage – and improved quality of life for all families."

Other improvements include bigger patios and privacy fences, Major Harner said.

"There aren't any major square footage changes, but it will make the homes more livable," the lieutenant said.

"The overall goal is to completely renovate all 300 units in Beira Mar. The 2006 project will bring half of the homes up to

current Air Force standards," Major Harner said. "We will also concentrate on community support such as jogging trails and playgrounds."

The major said the project is being designed and should be awarded to a contractor as early as February 2006.

"We've also started some construction in the Beira Mar community to enhance current living standards until we get the military construction funds to do the complete overhaul," the major said. "Some of these projects include building three pavilions, renovating kitchens and bathrooms in 64 of the units, and providing sidewalks and jogging trails." The major said the 65th CES is also finishing up a complete replacement of all below-ground water distribution system for the Beira Mar area.

"The focus is on our Lajes families, and we appreciate everyone's patience as we continue to make our housing areas a better place to live," Major Harner said.

Additional proposals include a fiscal year 2008 project to replace the wing commander and vice commander housing units and a 2009 project to renovate the remaining 150 units in Beira Mar housing.

At Their Best

Promotion

The following people will be or have been promoted during the month of March.

Airman 1st class:

Jonathan Measor, 65th Communications Squadron; **Miles Christensen**, 65th CS

Senior airman:

Jeffrey Rybold, 65th CS

Staff sergeant:

Anthony Smith, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron; **Michael Vecero**, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Lisa Massey**, 65th LRS; **Eric Peaslee**, 65th Operations Support Squadron; **Cheick Bah**, 65th Medical Group; **William Anderson**, 65th CES

Technical sergeant:

Bryan Smith, 729th Air Mobility Squadron; **Christopher Arrington**, 65th CS; **Jessie Ojeda**, 65th LRS; **Thomas Versichelli**, 65th Security Forces Squadron; **Raymond McLaughlin**, 65th LRS; **Holly Pearlman**, 65th Contracting Squadron

Master sergeant:

Calvin Wilson, 65th CS; **Ricky Herring**, 65th OSS; **Anthony Hanshaw**, 65th LRS
Senior master sergeant:

Michael Schmick, 729th AMS; **Christopher Beckwith**, Detachment 6, Air Force News Agency

Graduates

Eleven Team Lajes members graduated from the Bachelors Level Customer College course Feb. 17.

The distinguished graduate was: **Staff Sgt. Chadrick Minnifield**, 65th Comptroller Squadron.

Other Graduates were: **Airman 1st Class Sarah Hartfield**, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Airman 1st Class Kerry Bush**, 65th Mission Support Squadron; **Antonio Leite**, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron; **Ana Machado**, Defense Commissary Agency; **Marco Gomes**, 65th Services Squadron; **Jeffrey Holley**, 65th MSS; **Gabrielle Carter**, 65th Services Squadron; **Senior Airman Danielle Shest**, 65th MSS; **Staff Sgt. Rafael Del Toro**, 65th LRS; **Linda Saucedo**, 65th MSS

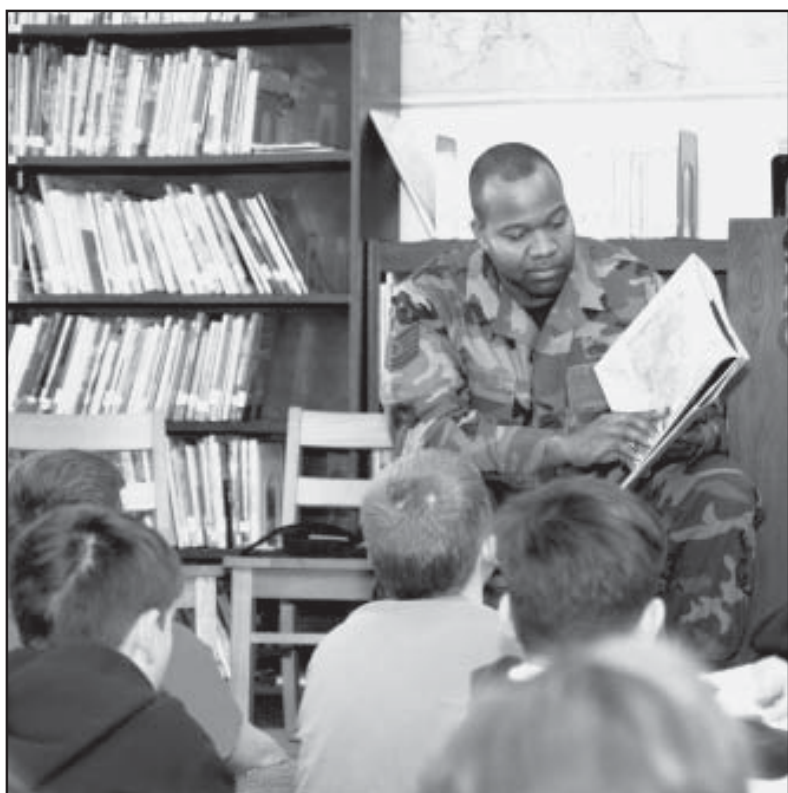
Commissioning briefing



Wesley Flannigan, 65th Mission Support Squadron, talks to Staff Sgt. Jean-Pierre Lapre, 65th Security Forces Squadron, during the commissioning briefing Tuesday at the Education Center. The commissioning briefing is open to all active-duty members at 9:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Michelle Michaud)



Lajes celebrates Black History Month



(Left) Charles Cooper, a keyboard player for the "Project Necessary" band, plays the keyboard during a show the band performed for Team Lajes Monday.

(Above) Tech. Sgt. Ronald Brooks reads the *Legend of John Henry* to Lajes Elementary School students for African American Awareness Month.

(Top) "Project Necessary," the rhythm and blues, funk/jazz band, played at the community activity center ballroom. (Photos by Guido Melo)



(Above) Sheryl Bush takes a plate of 'Soul Food' from Senior Airman Tasha Woodard, 65th Medical Operations Squadron, at the SUM dinner.

(Right) Kim Stone, wife of Senior Airman Corwin Stone, fries up some catfish, while Senior Airman Tasha Woodard, 65th MDOS, breads the catfish to prepare for the SUM dinner Feb. 24. (Photos by Staff Sgt. Michelle Michaud)



(Above) Members of the Lajes Gospel choir sing songs of praise and worship during the African American Heritage Banquet Feb. 25 at the Top of the Rock.

(Right) Capt. Angela Thompson, 65th Medical Support Squadron, was the guest speaker at the African American Heritage Banquet. She reinforced the importance of determination and overcoming obstacles in your life. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Josie Kemp)



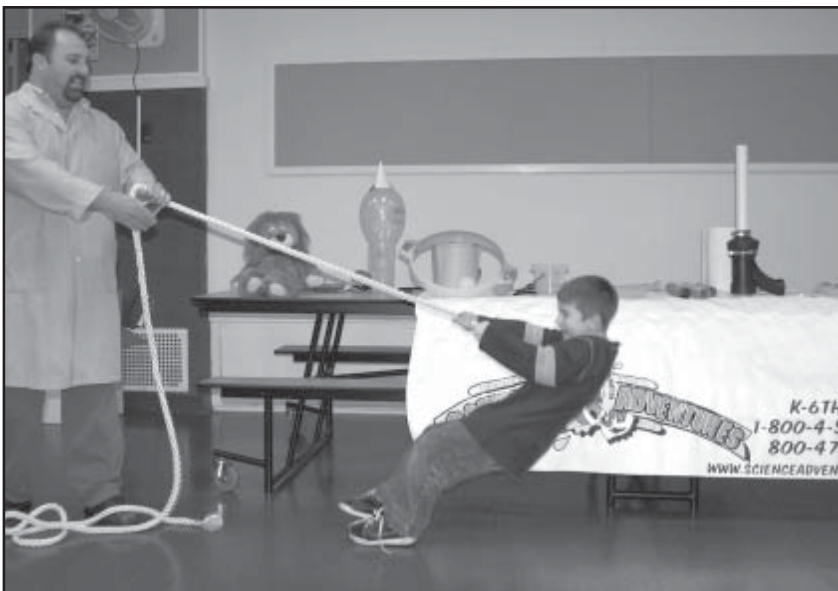
Windy winter weather



(Above) Waves crash against the lighthouse in Praia Bay Sunday during the weekend storm. (Right) Local nationals took advantage of the waves with their boogie boards in Praia Bay Sunday. The winds were more than 65 miles per hour near the Top of the Rock Club Saturday. While intense weather is not uncommon for this time of year, the relatively infrequent easterly direction of the powerful winds created destructive waves that pounded the eastern side of Terceira. (Photos by James O'Rear)



Making science fun!



Paul Pooler pulls first-grader Gabriel Mueller to teach him and his classmates about strength, weight and gravity. Mr. Pooler works for Science Adventures Incorporated in Southern California. They specialize in going to schools and getting students excited about science. He was here for approximately one week during which he visited every classroom twice giving science lessons and doing experiments. Some experiments included making magnet bumper cars, super balls, looking at the solar system and dissecting squid. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Olenda Kleffner)

LOOK SHARP!

Women's hair standards

According to Air Force instructions, women's hair will be clean, well-groomed and neat. If dyed, it will look natural. Hair will not contain an excessive amount of grooming aids, be worn in an extreme or fad style or violate safety requirements. Bangs will not touch the eyebrows when groomed or protrude below the front band of properly worn headgear, with the exception that hair may be visible in front of the women's flight cap. Length of hair on all sides will not extend beyond the bottom edge of the shirt collar at the back, sides, or the corresponding location at the front of the neck. Hair will not exceed three inches in bulk or prevent proper wear of headgear. Hair should be styled to present a professional appearance. Women can use plain and conservative pins, combs, headbands, elastic bands, and barrettes which are black or similar to the individual's hair color to keep hair in place. Women are not permitted to wear hair ornaments such as ribbons or jeweled pins.

Predator reaches initial operating capability

One of the most heavily used and valued weapons systems of operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom has reached initial operating capability, Air Combat Command officials here announced March 1.

The MQ-1 Predator unmanned aerial vehicle was officially declared IOC March 1 by Lt. Gen. William Fraser III, ACC's vice commander.

The milestone was reached after the MQ-1 completed eleven requirements including supportability, maintainability and aircraft and parts availability.

Initially fielded as the RQ-1, an advanced concept technology demonstrator, the Predator was first used in the Balkan theater in the mid-1990s.

Over time, the aircraft has undergone various upgrades to improve its combat effectiveness.

The MQ-1 version is equipped with advanced sensors and armed with AGM-114 Hellfire missiles.

The IOC declaration indicates the MQ-1 has completed its testing and achieved predetermined capability and supportability thresholds, and continues on its path to achieving full operational capability, officials said.

Services searching for teens with their eyes on the sky

Teenagers who share a fascination with flight, both airplanes and spacecraft, can apply for the 2005 Teen Aviation Camp and the 2005 Space Camp, but they need to get their application packages in soon, Air Force Services Agency officials said.

Applications for the Teen Aviation Camp are due March 11, while space camp applications are due by April 15.

The Teen Aviation Camp will be held June 4 to 9 at the Air Force Academy.

Attendance, for teens from Air Force families, is open to high school students who will complete their freshman or sophomore year in 2005. But applying is only the start of the competition.

"We ask for verification that (students are) in good standing in their high school," Ms. Kieschnick said. "We look at their role in student leadership. We look at their participation in extracurricular activities and activities outside the school setting, such as youth club, Boys and Girls Club or community service.

We also consider any honors the applicant has received, such as National Honor

Society, Congressional Award, Eagle Scout and others."

During the five-day camp, attendees stayed in dormitories and ate in the dining hall. They were on the go from morning to night.

The group participated in mountaineering and orienteering courses, fitness testing and tours of the academy.

Aviation-related activities included lectures on the principles of flight, building gliders, training in flight simulators and orientation flights in academy aero-club planes.

The camp ended with a banquet and graduation ceremony.

Thirty-two young people received scholarships to the 2004 U.S. Space Academy, conducted at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala.

They were from Air Force bases worldwide and were selected from 155 applicants.

The 5-day space academy is for youth ages 12-14. Criteria for selection includes a minimum grade point average, extracurricular activities both in and out of school, community service projects and special recognition awards.

Campers go through astronaut training on the multiaxis trainer, ride in the gravity chair, and use a jet backpack simulator.

They also go through all the required training to live aboard a space shuttle, sample space food and learn how to sleep in space.

There is even time built into their busy schedule for water activities and rocket construction.

Applications for both camps are available at base youth centers.

Silver Flag: Airmen 'deploy,' establish bare base

Through rain, sleet, snow and sunshine — all four often within 10 minutes of each other — 24 Mildenhall Airmen joined other U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Air National Guard members in turning a barren plain of dirt into a base suitable for working, sleeping, eating and bathing.

The training for setting up a bare base, an element of the Air Force's core capability of rapid global mobility, was part of Silver Flag at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, Feb. 7 to 16.

"It's phenomenal that within less than a day, about 200 people from 10 different units, who haven't even worked together before, set up this base," said Maj. Scott Chambers, 148th Fighter Wing, Minnesota Air National Guard, commander for

the deployment exercise.

Fourteen of the Mildenhall members who took part in Silver Flag came from the 100th Services Squadron, and 12 of them are tasked to deploy in Air Expeditionary Force 5/6, scheduled from May to August.

"Although we won't be putting up tents in the snow when we go to the desert, it helped in the sense that you may not know what obstacles you may have to overcome," said Senior Master Sgt. Tom Harrison, 100th SVS combat support superintendent. "Flexibility and good attitudes were displayed at Silver Flag, which are key to deployment."

The senior master sergeant said he feels the training is important for several reasons, including that it stresses the importance of working as a team that's moving in the same direction and the importance of getting quick and accurate information.

He said it also provided a good opportunity to work with the Guard and learn how they operate.

Staff Sgt. Ronald Schutte, 141st Air Refueling Wing, Washington Air National Guard, services, said he's been training for 19 years and has never participated in laying down a bare base before this exercise.

"I leave soon for my first real deployment," he said, "and this experience has made me much more prepared to go."

Before the four days of bare-base deployment, which concluded Silver Flag's 10 days of training, the 184 students began with classroom and hands-on instruction.

The majority of students attended functional track-specific training for the initial days, while 25 officers and enlisted members attended the expeditionary leadership program.

At the ELP, students learned to integrate deployable skill sets and received training across the spectrum of pre-deployment, deployment and post-deployment in a bare-base environment.

The ELP is important to "fine-tune" deployment skills, said Maj. Kristin Uchimura, Silver Flag director of operations for the 38th Combat Support Center. "The future of our Air Force is expeditionary in nature."

"ELP also instills the art of leadership to take care of the troops and practice sound decision making, problem solving and critical thinking," said Major Uchimura.

Ramstein AB hosts Silver Flag seven to eight times each year.



Tuning our instruments

By Col. Barbara Jacobi
65th Air Base Wing commander

Now that the applause has ended for successfully orchestrating another busy year at break-neck speed, the wing's next step is to fine-tune our "instruments" with the MAJCOM and Air Force so that we're all on the same sheet of music.

Like musicians who periodically tune their instruments, we need to take a breath and refocus on our core capabilities, or the Air Force "notes" of Air and Space Superiority; Information Superiority; Global Attack; Precision Engagement; Rapid Global Mobility; and Agile Combat Support, to help us hone the sound quality that defines our Air Force.

Similar to a symphony, each of us plays a specific part in the profession of arms that enables the Air Force to master its core capabilities and contribute to the composition of the song of freedom.

Referring to the Global War on Terror, Air Force Command Chief Master Sgt. Gerald R. Murray said in his Dec. 10 Perspective, "... every Airman must know and understand their role in this fight and in our Air Force, today and tomorrow."

He then challenges Airmen to read the revised Air Force Instruction 36-2618, Enlisted Force Structure, which lays out concise standards, expectations and opportunities for every enlisted Airman; we could call this the Air Force's "enlisted tuning fork." Have you read it, and are you in tune?

At my recent Commander's Call, I handed out the "sheet music" on Air Forces Europe 2020. This is mandatory reading for all, but especially for Lajes'

leaders who, like musical conductors, must organize their team members in a way that will accompany the MAJCOM's vision. Have you studied it so you can prepare your team for our future performances?

We should all be taking inventory of our time and efforts to evaluate where we need to focus to strike the right harmony with our resources. The "musical key" to success in war and peace is adhering to our core values as Airmen, being technically proficient in our specialties and maintaining the warrior mindset 24/7.

Each Airman must begin with the basic Air Force "chord" of Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do, before they can contribute to the Air Force "song."

Peter Teets, the acting secretary of the Air Force has said, "I'd simply reiterate that one of the most important and best things about our Air Force is that we honor our core values — integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do. To that end, I'd urge all of us to rededicate ourselves to those core values and live our lives according to them."

Add the "melody" of technical proficiency in our Air Force specialties and now we can make music. The next step is to discipline ourselves and practice to get better at what we do.

We better ourselves through continual improvement: CDCs, PME, off-duty education, reading professional literature, taking advantage of training opportunities, etc.

In the Air Force there will always be a need to balance the attention we give to our main job, the additional duties we take on to make things run smoothly

and the time we dedicate to continual improvement. Do you have the right balance?

Mr. Teets has recently reiterated the importance of the Air Force's new core competencies.

He said, "We want to build core competencies that consist of developing Airmen, transitioning technology to warfighting and integrating operations."

Understanding Lajes' fairly new role in pushing our own Airmen and equipment to the fight is instrumental in our ability to provide combatant commanders with the performers and capabilities they need. Are we effectively prepared to perform?

The questions I've posed are to help you fine-tune Team Lajes, to the Air Force core capabilities, so that we're all on the same sheet of music playing the same Air Force song.

As it states on the Air Force's website, it is the Air Force's central responsibility to develop, organize, train, equip, sustain and integrate the elements of air and space power to maximize the effectiveness of our unique core capabilities and meet the needs of the nation.

As a result, our leaders have composed a clear vision for the future so we can continue to provide the full range of air and space capabilities for combatant commanders to win our nation's war.

It's Team Lajes' challenge to be ready to fight and win, and to enable that "sound of freedom" that Robert Crawford described in the Air Force song as "one helluva roar!"

Take a breath Team Lajes and get ready for the crescendo of another great year.



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What's that rock called?

Question: What's the name of the rock located off the coastal road on the way to Angra?

Answer:

The name of the rock mentioned in the question is "Ilhéu das Cabras" (goats' islet) as it is officially known to the Portuguese and listed in the official maps.

The Americans call it split rock because of its configuration, which is actually split into two rocks.

This privately-owned property received its name because the local farmers from the neighboring village of Porto Judeu and other surrounding villages used to take goats and sheep to the islet by boat for them to graze there.

The two small islets are actually part of an old and probably inactive volcano crater that is partially submerged. Nobody seems to know how the rocks split, but this could have been caused by the maritime erosion and subsequent cave-in or another volcanic eruption.

As far as the history of the islet goes, there are unconfirmed stories that a German U-boat used to hide between the two rocks to escape from U.S. and British Navy ships and aircraft during World War II while it was hunting for the U.S. convoys that were bringing supplies to Europe.



Everyday Hero

Staff Sgt.

Clinton Jordan

65th Civil Engineer Squadron

Duty title: Assistant chief of training

Job description: I manage, direct and supervise an elite training program for 84 military and civilian firefighters. I also plan, program and execute a consolidated budget to support all installation and TDY fire protection training. I'm responsible for management and supervision of annual and recurring proficiency training encompassing hazardous materials, medical, crash rescue, confined space and contingency programs.

Time in the Air Force: Eight years, eight months

Time at Lajes: One year, seven months

Spouse/children: Wife, Krissy; children Keagan and Kailee

What's the best aspect of your job: It's better than being a cop

What are your career goals: To make chief

Best Air Force experience: Responding to a 747 crash in Guam

Life goal: To have enough kids to make a baseball team, but I still have to clear it with my wife.

Hometown: Riverside, Ca.

One word to describe you: Confident

Hobbies: Most sports

Favorite food: Mexican

Favorite color: Sea foam green

Pet peeve: Loud eaters

No one knows I/I'm: If I answer this, everyone will know.

When I was growing up, I wanted to be: A little bit taller.

If I could have only one kind of food, it would be: Mexican

The first thing I would do if I won a \$1,000,000 is: Buy a Lamborghini, then something nice for my wife.



Sports briefs

Hours of operation

Chace Fitness Center

5 a.m.-2 a.m. Mon. - Fri.

8 a.m.-7 p.m. Sat. & Sun.

8 a.m.-2 a.m. down days & holidays

Fitness annex (skating rink)

6-8:30 a.m. & 4-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
squadron/unit use only

8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. & 5-9 p.m. Mon.-
Fri. general use

8 a.m.-7 p.m. Sat., down days & holi-
days

Ridge Run

The next run hosted by the Lajes Ridge Runners is 5-6 miles Saturday near Santa Barbara, on flatter trails than usual. Meet at the community activity center at 9 a.m. For more information, call Senior Airman Joe Wilkinson at 2-6878.

Bowling tournament

The Lajes Bowling Association hosts a tournament at 10 a.m. March 12-13 for doubles, singles and 4-person teams, open to anyone who has bowled during the 2003-2004 or 2004-2005 seasons with at least 21 games. Events will be for both days, with different teams; singles can play both days, but only win once. For more information, call Walt Baer at 2-5233. Entry forms are available at the hillside Lajes Bowling Center.



Back off!

(Above) Members of the 'Ghetto Fabulous' Dodge ball team, 65th Security Forces Squadron and fire department members, grab for balls to begin their game during the dodge ball tournament Lajes high School Saturday.

(Right) Lt. Col. James MacFarlane, 729th Air Mobility Squadron commander, tries to dodge balls as he throws a ball to tag someone on the other team out. (Photos by Airman 1st Class Josie Kemp)



Watch out

Taekwondo instructor, Ken Cruz, spars with Brittini Martin, daughter of Cary and Lt. Col. Joseph Martin, as part of her testing for Black Belt, at the Chase Fitness Center, Saturday. Taekwondo is a modern martial art, characterized by its fast, high and spinning kicks. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Michelle Michaud)

